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TO: Interested Individuals

RE: Availability of the **Long Valley Mineral Material Site (LVMMS)** Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Analysis and LVMMS Reclamation Plan

The Mono County Community Development Department invites public review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration / Environmental Analysis and the LVMMS Reclamation Plan.

The project site (APN 037-130-013 and APN 037-060-016) is located in the Long Valley area of Mono County, California, adjacent to Airport Road, approximately seven miles east of the town of Mammoth Lakes and approximately 1500 feet northeast of the Mammoth Yosemite Airport (T4S, R28E, Sections 1-2, MDB&M). The Long Valley Mineral Material Site (LVMMS) is on public land managed by the US Forest Service, Inyo National Forest. The land use designation is Industrial.

Project Description:

The Long Valley Mineral Mining Site Reclamation Plan includes the following components:

1. The Long Valley Mineral Mining Site (LVMMS) is on public land managed by the USFS / Inyo National Forest. The site has been used for over 40 years for mining aggregate materials and for disposal of clean construction debris from the town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, and portions of Inyo County. The disposal of clean materials is used to backfill the pit area, which provides preliminary reclamation of the existing open pit.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is proposing to expand the pit area at the site and manage the site for the use of the Town and Mono County. Reclamation of the pit will occur concurrently with mining under an existing Special Use Permit issued by the USFS. The proposed end land use is grazing and wildlife habitat.

2. Proposed Reclamation Plan: Reclamation will occur concurrently with the mining operation. Clean construction debris has historically been used to backfill the pit. That practice will continue under the existing Special Use Permit issued by the USFS. Backfilled areas will then be covered with dirt, graded, and reseeded with a native seed mix. Slopes will be reclaimed to <3:1 and reseeded with a native vegetation if backfilling cannot be completed due to either a lack of material or a change in the backfilling program.

The California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines advise that reviewers focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways environmental effects of the project might be avoided or mitigated. Comments are most helpful when they **suggest additional alternatives or mitigation measures** that would provide better **ways to avoid or mitigate environmental effects**. The purpose of this review is to share expertise, disclose agency analyses, check for accuracy, detect omissions, and discover public concerns.



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Written comments on the document should be sent to PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 no later than **Friday, July 17, 2009**.

Comments may be emailed to glefrancois@mono.ca.gov no later than **Friday, July 17, 2009**. For additional information, please contact Gerry Le Francois at glefrancois@mono.ca.gov or at 760 924-1810.

